PUBLIC NOTICE YOU HAVE A VOICE IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN ARIZONA

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposes to issue an Air Quality Control Permit Number 1000605 to BHP Copper, Pinto Valley Operations located 8 miles west of Miami, AZ off Hwy. 60, Miami, Gila County, Arizona. This proposed Permit will limit emissions of the following types of air contaminants: particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxide (NO_X), sulfur dioxide (SO_2), and volatile organic compound (VOC).

This Public Notice provides information to help you participate in the decision-making process. You have an opportunity to submit written comments on this Permit, and request that ADEQ hold a Public Hearing on the Permit. The written comment shall state the name and mailing address of this person, shall be signed by the person, his agent or his attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should or should not be issued. Grounds for comment are limited to whether the Permit meets thecriteria for issuance spelled out in the State Air Pollution Control laws or rules.

Materials related to the Permit, including the application, ADEQ's analysis and the draft permit are available for your review at ADEQ's office at 3003 North Central Avenue, 5th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, or at the Town Clerk of Miami, 500 Sulivan Street, Miami, AZ 85539.

Persons wishing to submit written comments or request a Public Hearing have until May 18, 2000 to do so. Comments and/or requests should be directed to: Director, Air Quality Division, ADEQ, 3033 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2809-33.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Katie Huebner at (602) 207-2794 TDD phone 207 2829. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

ADEQ will consider all comments received in making a final decision on the Permit. All requests for Public Hearing will be considered. Any person who has submitted a comment will receive notification of the final decision. Persons who filed a comment may petition the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board in writing for a hearing on the final decision. Petitions to the Board must be filed within 30 days after notice of the final decision. The Hearing Board may sustain, modify, or reverse the final decision on the Permit.

If you would like to receive copies of future Public Notices of Air Pollution Control Permits, please provide a typewritten or printed copy of your name, address, and ZIP code, to the Director of Air Quality Division at ADEQ's address shown above. Your request should also state that you wish your name to be placed on the Air Quality Permit mailing list.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about this Permit, please contact Prabhat Bhargava at (602) 207-2329, when in Arizona (800) 234-5677 (Ext. 2329), or at ADEQ's address shown above.